

PARCHMENT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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1. General policy:

- Membership cards are in effect for a period of one year unless the member moves out of the library district.
- Anyone who is 18 or older may obtain a card without the signature of a parent or guardian by presenting a driver's license or state identification card.
- Borrowing privileges are withheld if books are 3 weeks overdue or if fines exceed \$2.00.
- To renew membership, patron must show photo identification with current address, return all overdue items and pay all fines.
- Anyone under 18 must have membership applications approved by a parent or guardian. Applications do not leave the library and must be completed at the library. The parent or guardian must present proof of eligibility. If the parent or guardian has a library card, that account must be in good standing before the child's card may be issued.

2. Eligibility:

- **Parchment Library District:** All residents of the Parchment Library District (whose boundaries are the same as the Parchment School District) are eligible for membership cards without charge. Identification is required. (See below)
- **Property owners:** Persons owning property or a business in the library district are eligible for membership cards without charge. Proof of ownership (property tax receipts) as well as identification is required.
- **Non-Resident Teachers:** Non-resident teachers employed by the Parchment School District may request a special Teacher's Card which is good for the current school year. Identification is required.
- **Reciprocal library patrons:** Residents of the Kalamazoo Library District and the Portage Library District are eligible for a reciprocal borrowing card upon presentation of a valid Kalamazoo Public Library or a Portage District Library card and identification.

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- **Michicard library patrons:** Non-residents who present a valid Michicard from their home library may apply for a reciprocal Parchment Community Library card. In addition to the Michicard, identification is also required.
- **Non-Resident Seniors:** Non-residents 65 years or older are eligible for a free card. Identification is required.
- **Non-residents:** Non-residents may purchase cards on an annual basis, with the same privileges as a resident card. The annual fee purchases a card for each member of the household. Each card will expire one year from the date of payment, and may be renewed at any time after the expiration date upon payment of another annual fee. Fees charged to non-resident members will be set by the library's Board of Trustees subject to annual review. The annual fee is determined by calculating the average annual amount a household within the library district pays in property taxes to support the library. The current annual non-resident fee is: \$105.00.

3. Identification:

Photo identification showing current address must be presented for those 18 and over. A driver's license or state identification card is preferred. If the photo id does not show the patron's current address, official mail (such as a bill) is acceptable, but personal correspondence is not. Property tax receipts are required to confirm a non-resident owns property within the district.

4. Replacement cards:

There is no charge for replacement cards.

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